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Description of the Preferred Embodiment(s)

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method of shutting down a pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ in a modular system comprising a base unit ~~(1)~~ and at least one pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ connected via an interface ~~(3)~~. Each pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ has module electronics ~~(22)~~ and a switch ~~(25)~~, which is coupled to a mechanical locking of the pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ in the base unit ~~(1)~~. The electronics interface ~~(2)~~ is provided with a variable resistor ~~(31)~~, arranged in a feed line and is ~~and~~. The ~~module electronics~~ ~~(22)~~ are communicatively connected to the base unit ~~(1)~~ via switching means ~~(34)~~. For removal, the pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ to be removed is unlocked and ~~and~~. During the unlocking of the pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ to be removed, the switch ~~(25)~~ is actuated. Then, communication operations in progress between the base unit ~~(2)~~ and the pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ to be removed are terminated. The communication connection routed via the switching means ~~(34)~~ is disconnected and the module electronics ~~(22)~~ of the pluggable electrical unit ~~(2)~~ to be removed are isolated from the base unit ~~(1)~~. The ~~variable resistor~~ ~~(31)~~ is brought in a controlled manner into its high resistance state.